

IV. SECONDARY DATA

Secondary data (information already collected by other sources for other purposes) is assembled each year by the State Office of Health Statistics and Information for Meigs County. This data includes county-specific birth statistics, morbidity or disease statistics, and mortality or death statistics. The data covers a twelve-year trend and is provided in three-year averages to smooth the trend lines and eliminate wide fluctuations in year-to-year rates that may distort the true trends. Meigs County's data is compared to the corresponding state and Southeast Region (Bledsoe, Bradley, Franklin, Grundy, McMinn, Marion, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, and Sequatchie Counties) rates, national "Year 2000 Objectives," and includes rates for white, non-white, and all races combined. The secondary data used in the Community Diagnosis Process is described below, with *graphs and tables used to highlight issues recognized as potential problems* by the Meigs County Health Council.

Meigs County Pregnancy And Birth Experience

- **Number of Births Per 1,000 Females Ages 10-44** - The Meigs County trend has increased. Traditionally, the trend is lower than the State and the Southeast Region. Women of child-bearing age in Meigs County give birth to approximately 100 babies each year (46.6 per 1,000 females ages 10-44).
- **Percentage of Births to Unwed Mothers Ages 10-44** - While the Meigs County trend has increased, so has that of the Southeast Region and the State. Traditionally, the trend is lower than the State and the Southeast Region. However, the Meigs County trend surpassed the Southeast Region in 1990. Annually, 20% of Meigs County births occur to unwed mothers.
- **Number of Abortions Per 1,000 Live Births to Females Ages 10-44** - In the last decade, trends have decreased in the county, Southeast Region, and State. Traditionally, Meigs County's trend is lower than the Southeast Region and significantly lower than the State.
- **Percentage of Abortions to Unwed Females Ages 10-44** - The Meigs County trend is decreasing and is lower than the Southeast Region and state. In Meigs County approximately 72% of all abortions occurred to unwed females compared to approximately 75% for the Southeast Region and State.
- **Number of Fetal Deaths Per 1,000 Live Births to Females Ages 10-44** - The Meigs County rate is decreasing and is lower than the Southeast Regional and State.
- **Percentage of Fetal Deaths to Unwed Females Ages 10-44** - Meigs County has had no reported fetal deaths to unwed females age 10-44 since 1986.
- **Number of Pregnancies Per 1,000- Females Ages 10-44** - The Meigs County trend has remained stable. Traditionally, the trend is lower than the State and equal to the Southeast Region. Annually, approximately 5.5% (55 per 1,000) of Meigs County female residents 10-44 become pregnant.
- **Percentage of Pregnancies to Unwed Mothers Ages 10-44** - The Meigs County trend has increased, but remains lower than the State and equal to the Southeast Region. The age group with the highest percentage increase is 25-29 year olds with a 181% increase follow by 30-34 year olds with 68.2% increase over the twelve-year trend. In the 1992-1994 three year trend cycle roughly 32% of all Meigs County pregnancies occur to unwed mothers.

AGE GROUP	83-85	84-86	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	Percent Change
30-34	12.95	11.8	13.3	17.6	17.2	12.5	3.7	6.3	15.2	21.7	68.2

- **Percentage of Births Considered Low Birthweight** - In 92-94 the Meigs county trend was 4.6% . The county trend is decreasing and is lower than the Southeast Region, State and National Year 2000 objective (5%). Females age 30-34 had the highest percent of births classified as low birth weight.

AGE GROUP	83-85	84-86	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	Percent Change
30-34	4	3.3	4	6.7	8	6.5	3.7	9.7	6.5	7.1	77.5